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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the names of inventors:
Masayasu Fujio, Nobuhisa Takabayashi, and Masaru Hoshino

For: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application No. 2003-095488, filed on March 31, 2003.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 34 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ 05 Sheets of Drawings (Formal)
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
☐ Preliminary Amendment
☒ Return Receipt Postcard
☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

☒ Priority based on Japanese Application No. 2003-095488, filed on March 31, 2003, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

- ☒ The certified copy is enclosed.
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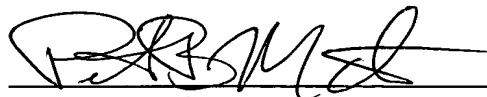
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ITECP011).

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